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# Identical letters dated 23 July 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The illegal international coalition led by the United States of America has committed a number of new crimes against innocent Syrian civilians. On 13, 16 and 21 July 2018, coalition warplanes bombarded residential areas in the villages of Baghuz Fawqani and Susah in the hinterland of the city of Albu Kamal in the governorate of Dayr al-Zawr. They also targeted civilians who were leaving the villages to flee the terrorist acts of Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), killing 32 civilians, most of them women and children.

The coalition continues to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity against the Syrian people. It supports terrorism and uses terrorists and separatist militias to achieve its objectives, thereby belying any claims made by the United States of America and other States members of the despicable coalition about the protection of civilians in armed conflict, the rights of refugees, respect for international humanitarian law and respect for the territorial integrity of Syria and its people. The coalition's crimes highlight the fact that the United Nations and the Security Council have failed to take any action to implement international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. They have failed to put an end to the activities of that coalition and its hostile schemes to target the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic in order to prolong the crisis there.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security, to condemn these massacres, and to take immediate action to stop them and prevent their recurrence. The Security Council must put an end to the hostile and illegal presence on Syrian territory of United States forces and other foreign forces, and prevent them from implementing their schemes to support terrorism, undermine the security and stability of the Syrian Arab Republic, and prolong the crisis there.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mounzer **Mounzer**
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# Letter dated 23 July 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 21 to 23 July 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the letter dated 23 July 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

## Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (21 July 2018)

### Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported six incidents of gunfire: five in Ladhiqiyah Governorate and one in Aleppo Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported one incident of gunfire in Hama Governorate.

### Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,871 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,807.86 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 13 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 85,993 residents.

### Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is 2,518.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

# Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (22 July 2018)

## Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported seven incidents of gunfire: four in Ladhiqiyah Governorate and three in Hama Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has not reported any incidents of gunfire.

## Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,871 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,807.86 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to eight residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 86,001 residents.

## Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is 2,518.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

## Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (23 July 2018)

### Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported two incidents of gunfire in Ladhiqiyah Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has not reported any incidents of gunfire.

### Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out one humanitarian operation in Hatla, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate: 650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were distributed as humanitarian assistance.

In total, 1,872 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,810.66 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 10 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 86,011 residents.

### Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

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The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.